



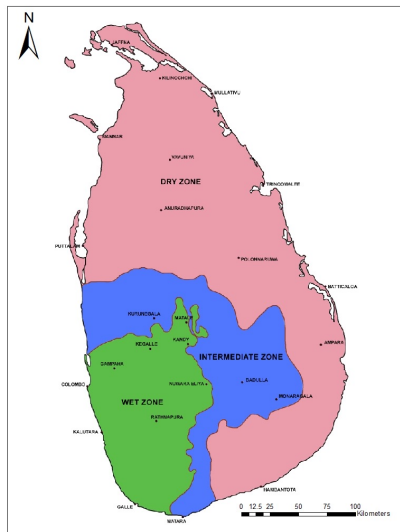
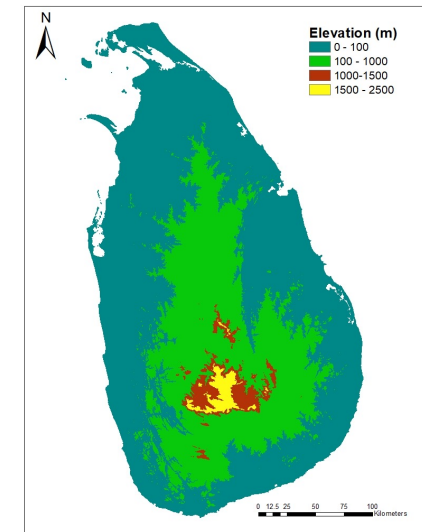
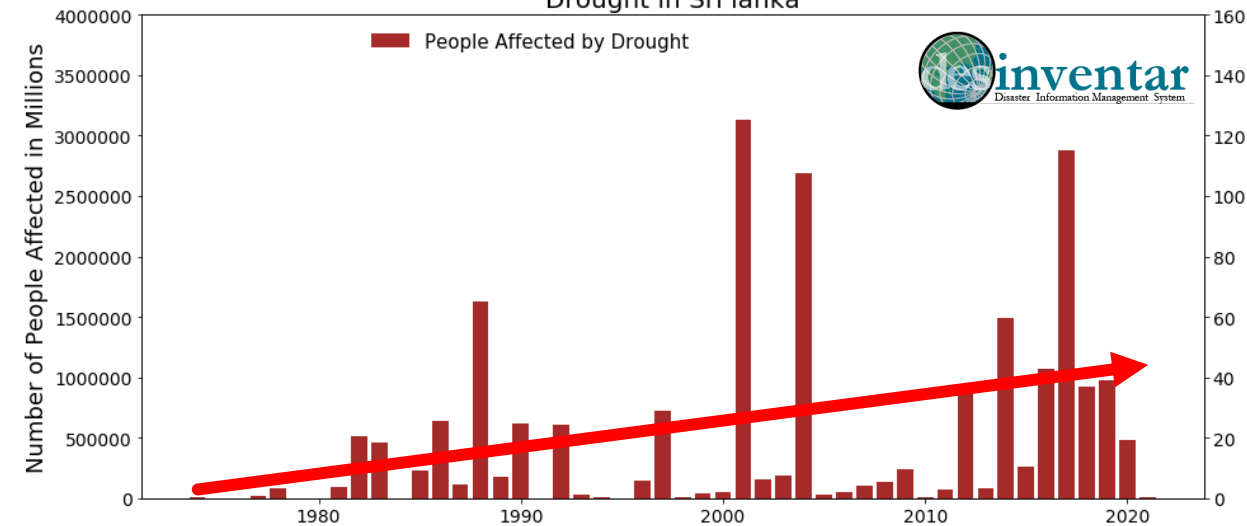
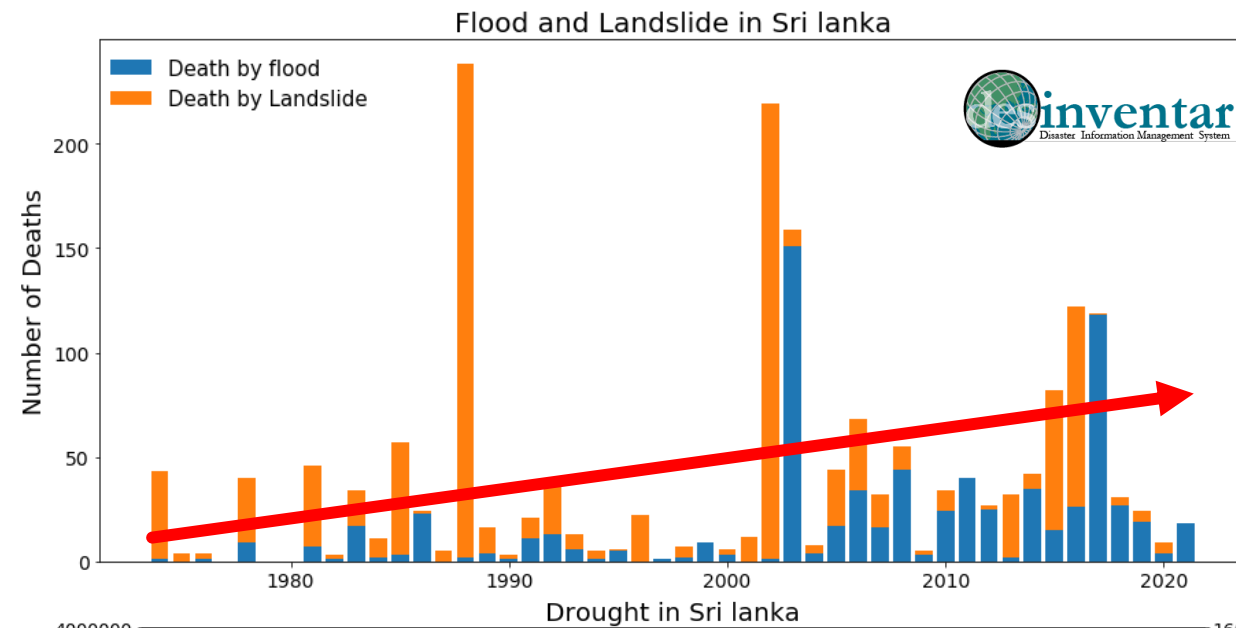
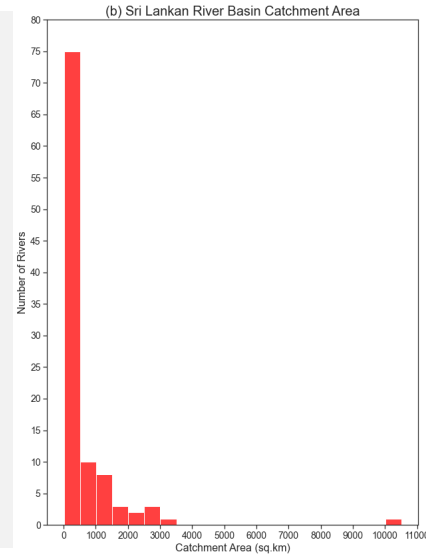
# 15<sup>th</sup> AOGEO Symposium

“Enhancing resilience for water-related disaster risks: Seeking opportunities for further collaboration”

Hemakanth, Selvarajah  
Sri Lanka

# Sri Lanka

- Country in South Asia
- Population : 22 million
- Topography : 0 to 2525 m
- 103 river basins
- 4 climatic seasons
- 3 climatic zones
- 2 main agricultural seasons



## Climatic Seasons

Intermediate-2 (IM-2) (400 ~ 1200 mm)		North East Monsoon (NE) (500 ~ 1200 mm)			Intermediate-1 (IM-1) (100 ~ 250 mm)		South West Monsoon (SW) (1000 ~ 4000 mm)				
Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Off 2	Maha Season				Off 1		Yala Season				Off 2

## GLOBAL CLIMATE RISK INDEX 2019

Ranking 2017 (2016)	Country	CRI score	Death toll	Deaths per 100 000 inhabitants	Absolute losses (in million US\$ PPP)	Losses per unit GDP in %	Human Development Index 2017 <sup>10</sup>
1 (105)	Puerto Rico <sup>11</sup>	1.50	2 978	90.242	82 315.240	63.328	-
2 (4)	Sri Lanka	9.00	246	1.147	3 129.351	1.135	76
3 (120)	Dominica	9.33	31	43.662	1 686.894	215.440	103
4 (14)	Nepal	10.50	164	0.559	1 909.982	2.412	149

## 10 ECONOMIES WORST AFFECTED BY NATURE LOSS BY 2050\*

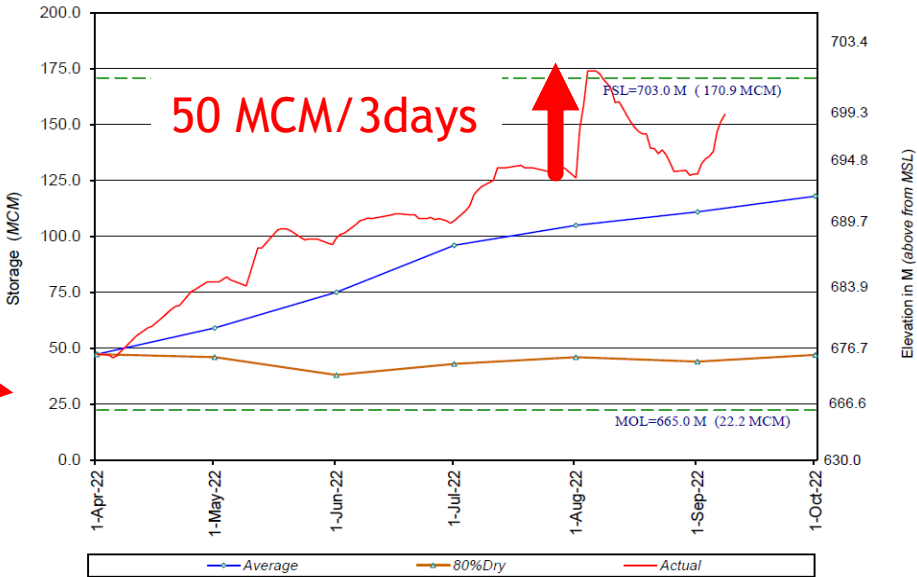
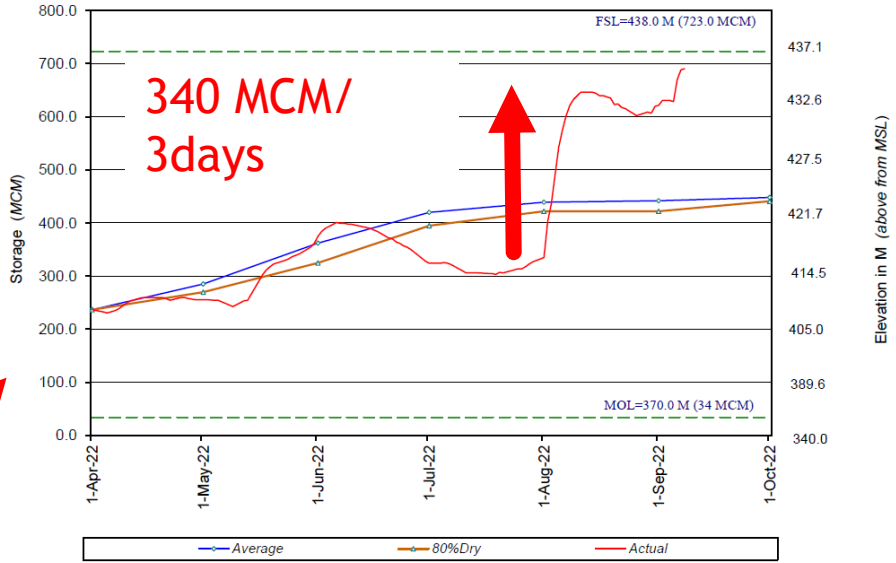
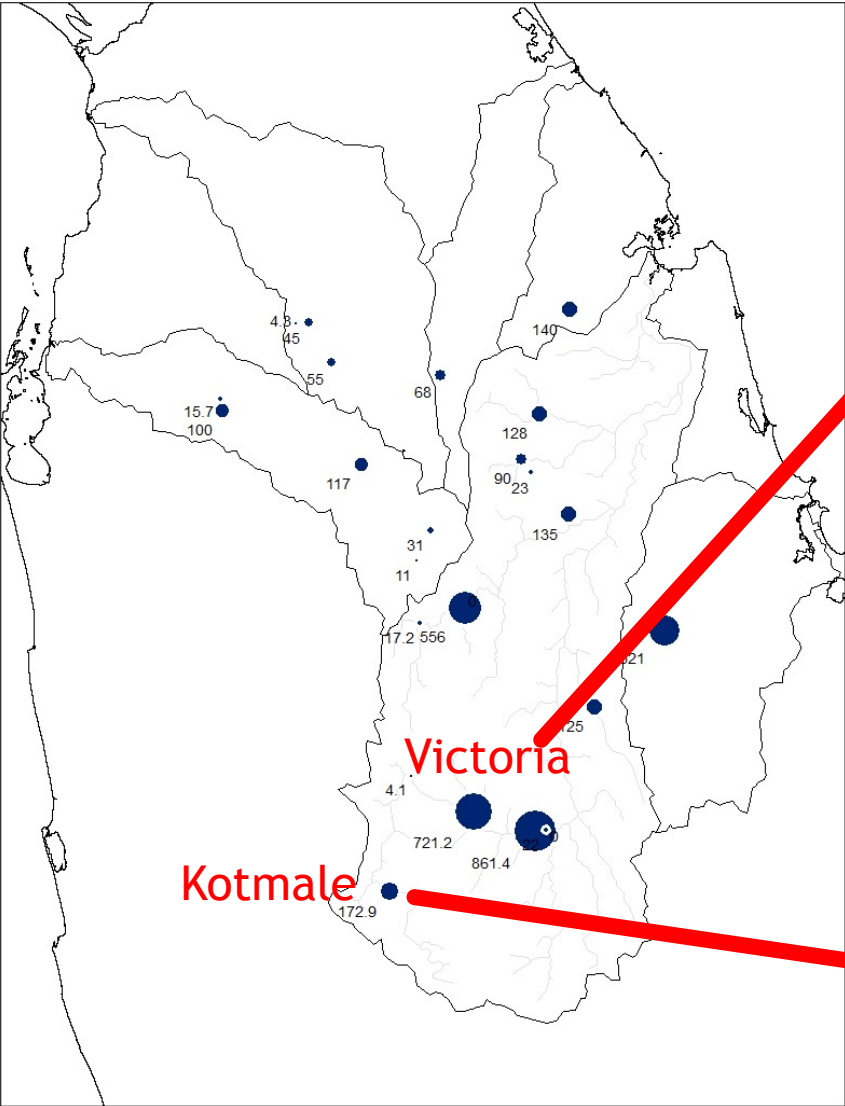
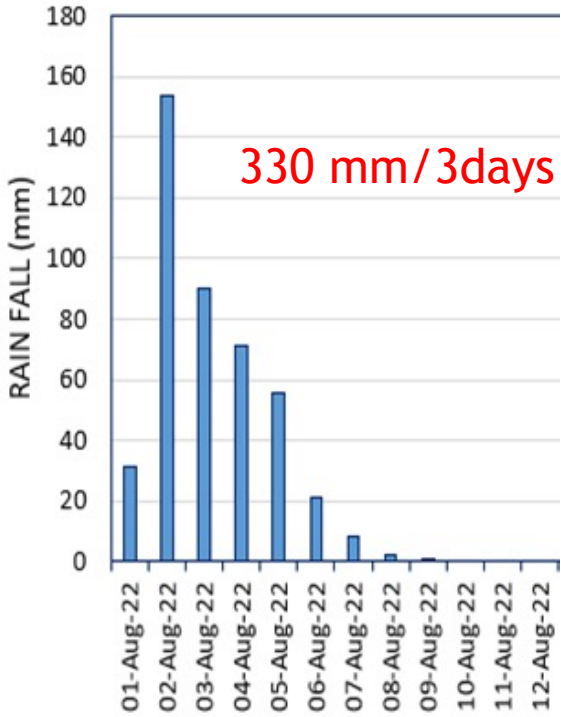
\* Worst affected in terms of % reduction in national annual GDP by 2050, compared to scenario in 2050 in which ecosystem services do not change.

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# Challenges and Gaps

In August 2022

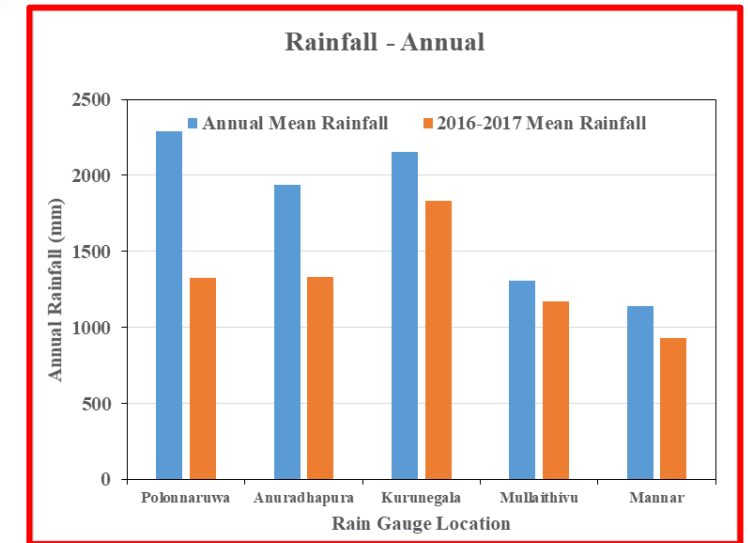
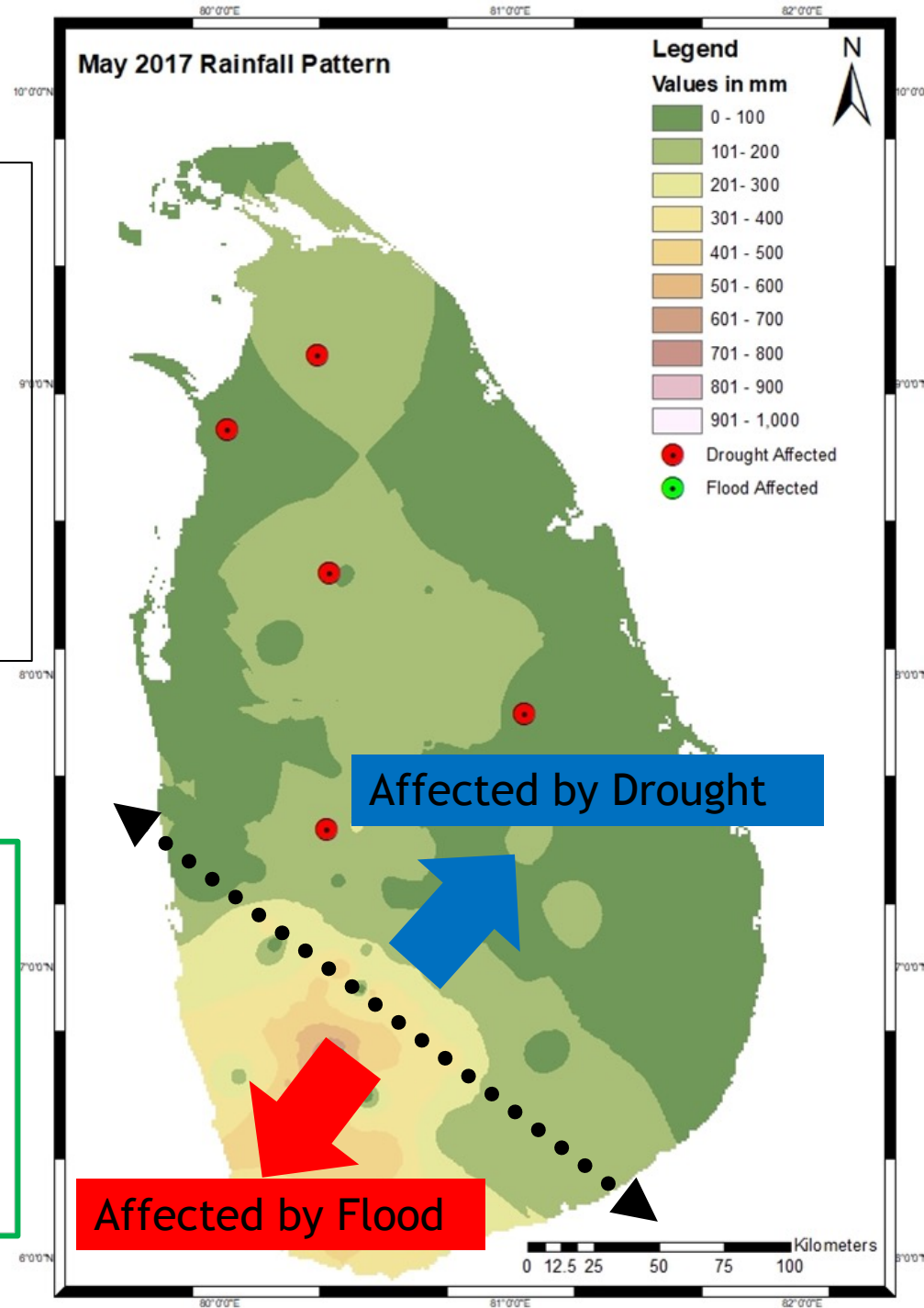
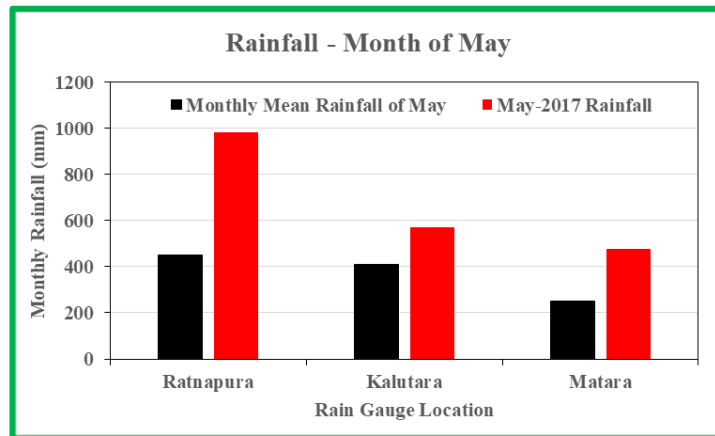


# Challenges

battled through

- A cyclone (Mora)
- Heavy monsoon rains
- Landslides
- Worst floods

213 **CAUSALITIES** and about 600,000 displaced



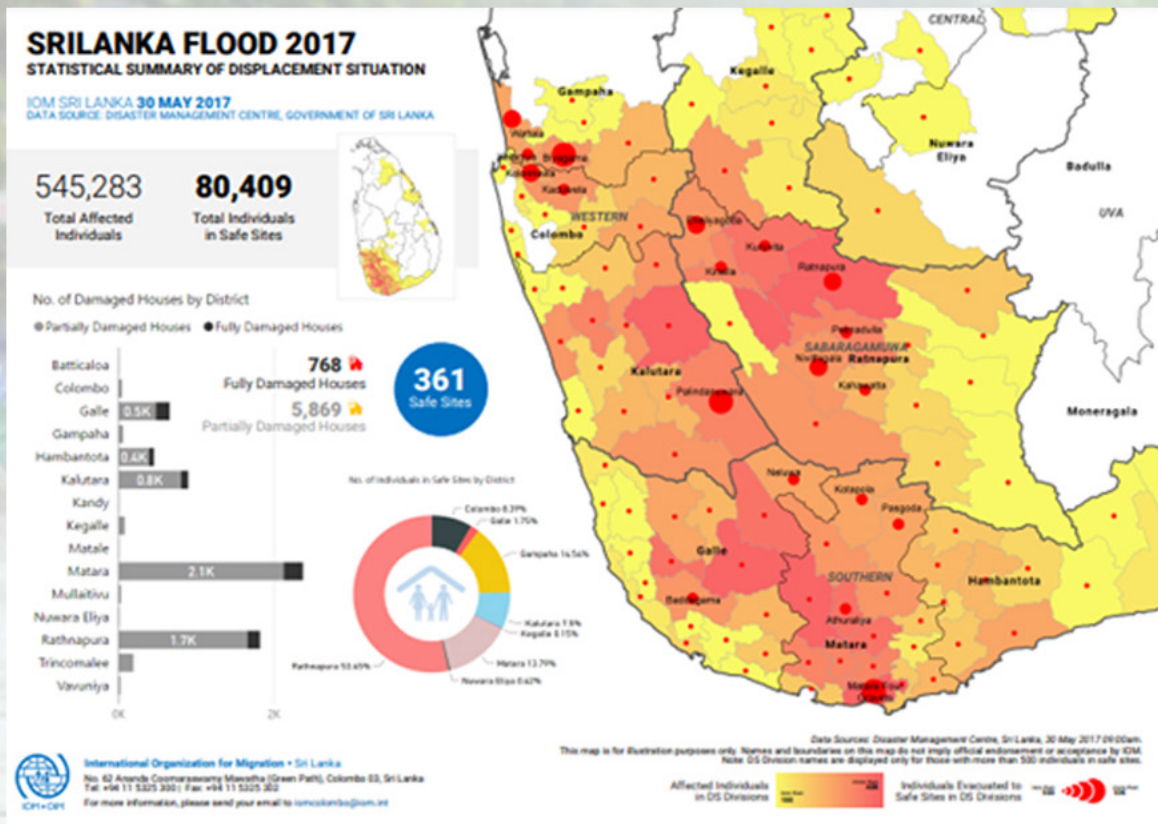
**While;**

Experiencing the worst drought of last two decades (2016-2017)

- 850,000 people directly affected
- Only 35% of the paddy land cultivated (November 2016)
- Out of which around 65% were harvested (March 2017)



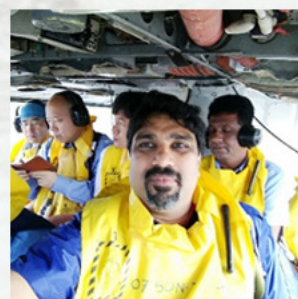
# Cross-Sectoral and Interdisciplinary Corporation



Soon after the historic flood in 2017, Japan has extended its support by providing relief and assisting with Disaster Expert Team. Under the International Flood Initiative (IFI) framework, a cross-sectoral dialogue and cooperation for participatory water governance have been implemented.

IFI promotes an integrated approach to flood management to take advantage of the benefits of floods and the use of flood plains while minimizing the social, environmental and

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# Platform on Water Resilience and Disasters in Sri Lanka

Under IFI scheme, for strengthening Water-related Disasters Resilience and Enabling Sustainable Development in Sri Lanka, the Platform on Water Resilience and Disasters was established with the support of ICHARM in **2017**.





**Flood Early Warning & Risk mapping**

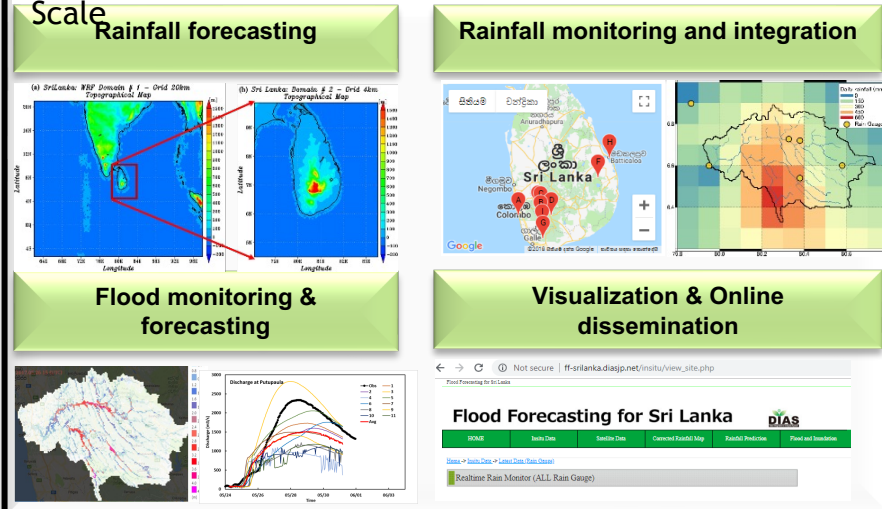


**Climate Change Impacts Assessments**

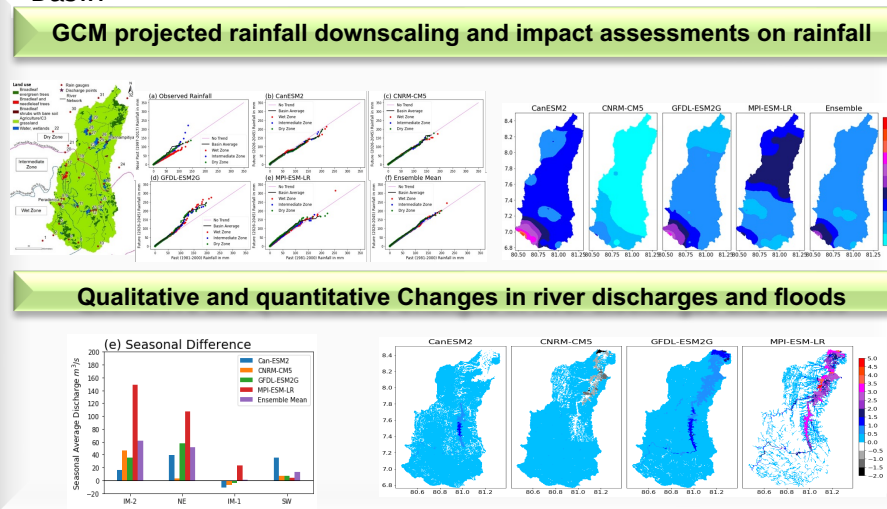


**Capacity Building for Facilitators**

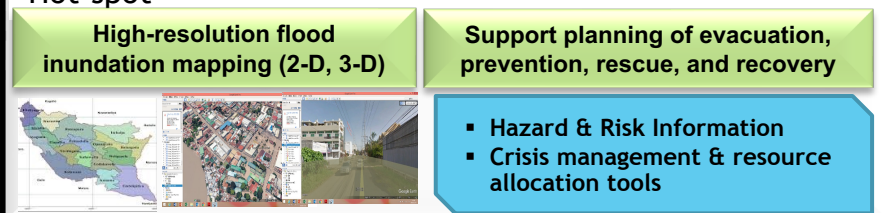
Basin Scale



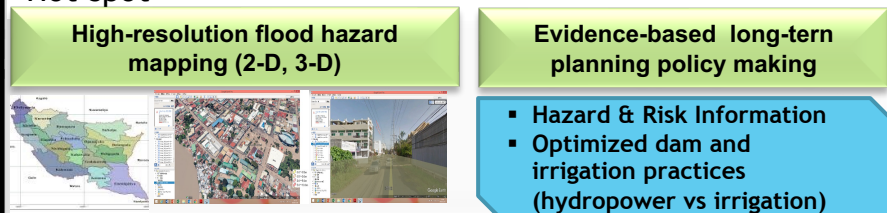
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Hot-spot



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Disaster

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**Contingency planning with national and local agencies**

**Economic Impacts of disasters**

**Adaptation planning**

**E-Learning Materials (Lectures & tutorials)**

**-Flood Early Warning**

- Ensemble rainfall forecasting
- Rainfall monitoring and integration
- Flood modeling
- Flood mapping (2-D, 3-D)
- Contingency planning
- Disaster impact assessment

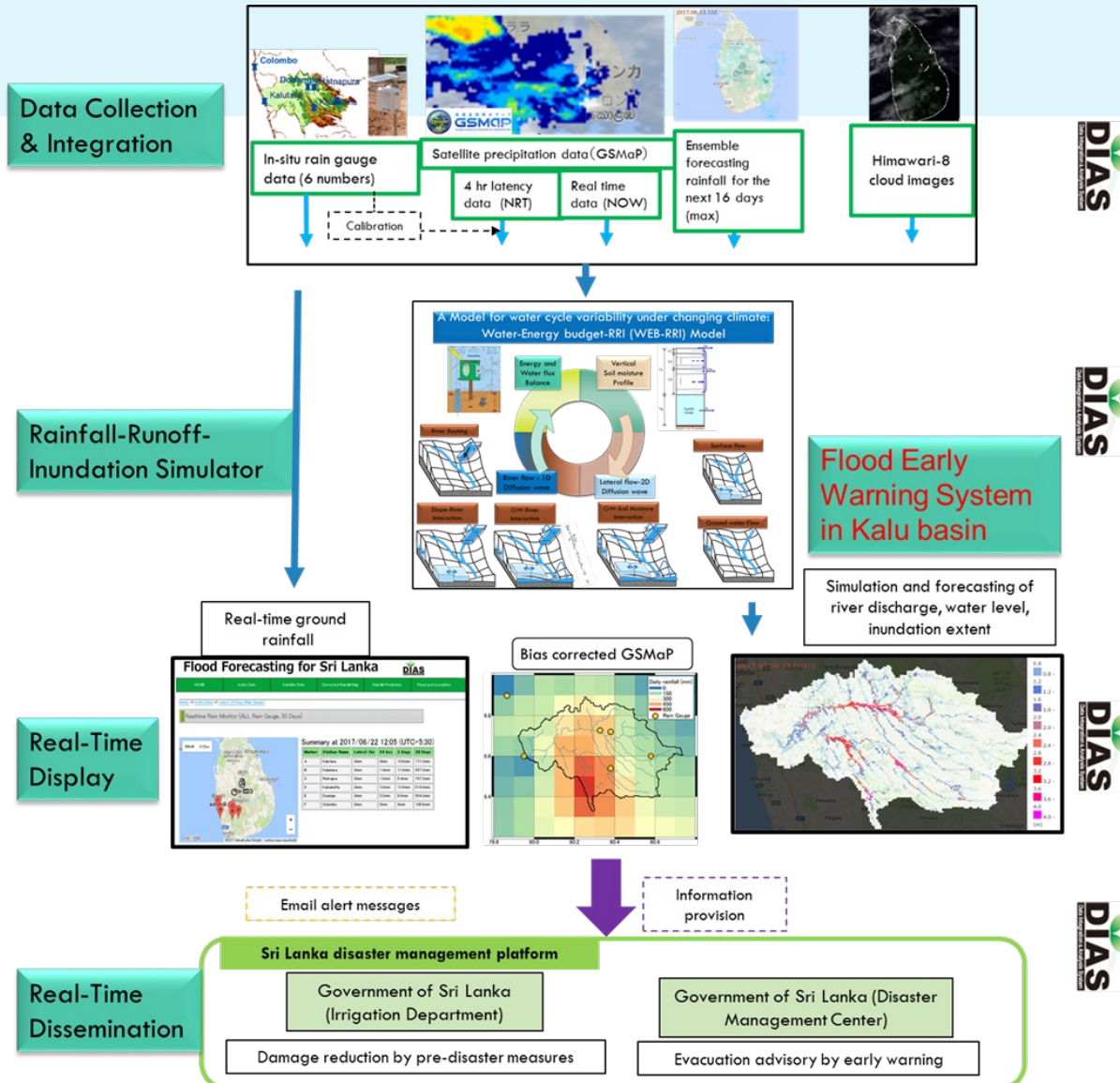
**- Climate Change Impact Assessments**

- GCM downscaling
- Flood modeling & hazard mapping
- contingency planning
- Dam optimization



# Flood Early Warning

## Early Warning System for Kalu River Basin (Operation in DIAS)



- ▶ One week ahead ensemble rainfall forecasting
- ▶ Rainfall monitoring and integration (use of automated rain gauges for bias correction of GsMap data with ground data)
- ▶ Flood monitoring and forecasting
- ▶ Visualization and online dissemination





Thank you very much